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SUPPLY OF COAL TO POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated/proposes to formulate a scheme for increasing the supply of coal to the power sector ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the State-wise details of power plants facing the shortage of coal;and

(d) the efforts being made by the Government to overcome this shortage ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b): As per Annual Plan projections of Planning Commission, the demand of Power Utilities during 2005-06 is estimated to be 303.56 million tonnes.This demand is to be met by Coal companies to the extent of 279.81 Million tonnes, thereby leaving a gap of 23.75 million tonnes. In view of this gap between demand and supply of indigenous coal, power utilities have been advised by Ministry of Power to import 13.45 million tonnes of coal which has higher calorific value than domestic coal during the year 2005-06.

(c): As reported by Central Electricity Authority, there were six power stations in the country facing critical coal stocks(i.e. having stock for less than seven days` consumption) as on 20.11.2005. The state-wise details are given below:-

State	Power Plant
Uttar Pradesh	Singarauli(NTPC)
Madhya Pradesh	Vindhyachal(NTPC)
Bihar	Barauni
Jharkhand	Patratu
Orissa	Talcher STPS(NTPC) and Talcher-Old(NTPC)

(d) : A Sub-group under the Ministry of Coal comprising of the officials from Ministry of Power, Railways and Central Electricity Authority has been monitoring coal supply vis-a-vis stockholding at power utilities on weekly basis.The sub-group has been re-allocating coal to critical plants from additional and alternative sources as and when required. Due to close monitoring of stocks at power-houses end by the Sub-group, the number of critical power, stations has come down from a level of 22 in November, 2004 to only 6 in November, 2005. Also, this has led to accretion of stock by over five million tonnes during the last one year at the power houses end.